

# Resolution

---

**No: 1276**

## *A Resolution Of The Edmonds City Council Thanking Councilman Michael Plunkett for His Service To The Edmonds City Council*

---

*Whereas,* Michael Plunkett was sworn into office on January 6, 1998 and during his tenure as a Councilman was elected to the Council Presidency in 2004 and 2008 and served in both roles with distinction and skill presiding over and attending many long Council meetings both as Council President and Councilman and dealt commendably with a number of multifaceted issues; and

*Whereas,* Mr. Plunkett, during his tenure, has been on numerous committees, boards, and commissions including: Community Services (now Planning, Parks & Public Works), Public Safety (now Public Safety/Personnel), Comprehensive Human Resources, Finance, Disability Board, Edmonds Alliance for Economic Development, Historic Preservation Commission, Downtown Edmonds Parking (now City-Wide Parking), Port of Edmonds, WRIA 8, Community Outreach, Highway 99 Task Force, Lodging Tax Advisory, Municipal Court Review, Levy Work Group, Regional Fire Authority, PFD Oversight, and CTAC; and

*Whereas,* Councilman Plunkett in addition has accomplished the following:

### **Governance**

- Elected by peers to be Council President 2004 and 2008
- Demonstrated accountability by audio taping City retreats
- Encourage Council to hold retreats close to our citizens in Edmonds
- Supports putting PB and ADB on TV for public viewing
- Instituted rotation of Council President to take politics out of Council business
- Voted to slash Council member benefits
- Created a Public Service Announcement portion on Council agenda
- Voted for employee merit pay
- As Council President in 2008 led Council to a 98% team work rate on Council votes
- Voted to allow citizens to appeal land-use decisions to Council in open public meetings as opposed to City staff and judges.
- Voted to repeal Mayor's pay raise (May 25, 2010)
- Voted against a 25% increase in water/sewer rates July 6, 2010
- Voted to put the public back into land-use decisions Sept 21, 2010
- Voted to change HR Director to a Manager thereby cutting city expense and improving efficiencies
- Voted to pay off some of our city debt early Dec 2012

### **Preserving the Charm and Character of Our Community**

- Supported Adaptive Reuse for non-conforming buildings to preserve and protect older structures
- Created the Edmonds Historic Preservation Commission
- Voted to oppose any expansion of casino gambling into Edmonds
- Helped lead the effort to stop taller buildings on the waterfront
- Led the effort for a strong ban on motorized scooters
- Voted to buy Marina Beach and Sherwood Park
- Voted to stabilize the library
- Led the effort to increase parking enforcement in downtown
- Fought to preserve open space on Edmonds waterfront
- Sponsored amendment to budget for lights on Main St. to improve streetscape and safety
- Voted to purchase open space in downtown at Old Mill Town
- Led the effort for public use on waterfront
- Voted to enact an anti-idle policy for cars
- Voted to preserve landmark trees in Edmonds
- Received the "Outstanding Service Award" for working with community from SENA
- Voted for a plan that reduces the cutting of trees in Edmonds.
- Voted against a Planning Board nominee who supported taller buildings in Downtown

- Voted to preserve park funds (Reet) from being used for other general maintenance
- Supported a public vote for a new Yost Pool
- Voted to create regulation that would encourage outdoor dining in Edmonds
- Voted for neighborhood protections when large buildings and development are proposed.
- Voted to fund traffic calming devices for our neighborhoods
- Changed to City Comprehensive Plan to reassert more local control that reflects residential community
- Voted against neighborhoods being rezoned into business-like zones

#### Economic Development

- Amended new Design Guidelines directing ADB to meet within 30 days of an application
- Led the effort to create an Economic Development Committee of Council
- Supported Adaptive Reuse incentives to preserve and protect older structures
- Led the effort to remove residential parkers from downtown businesses' 3-hour zones
- Voted to insure 12-15 foot first floors in new buildings for better commercial development
- Voted to move ADB upfront in application process to reduce cost/time to applicants
- Voted to create a master plan for old Unocal lower yard as future commercial zone
- Voted to remove requirements on new business in downtown to provide excessive parking
- Repeatedly voted for enacting the broadband fiber optic cable initiative
- Voted to streamline the Architectural Designed review of signs, allowing more decisions to be made by staff thereby removing another hurdle to locating a business in Edmonds
- Supported the Performing Arts Center when no one thought it could be done. It is now worth 2.4 million in economic impact per year in Edmonds.
- Fought back against Enron's ill-gotten rate hikes by voting to reduce Edmonds utility tax by 30%
- Voted to change graffiti ordinance so as to not penalize the victims: merchants/land owners
- Voted to increase funding for advertising Edmonds to attract visitors and shoppers
- Support a new Yost Pool that will result in \$600,000 per year impact on economic growth
- Voted to reduce parking requirements downtown making it easier for new businesses locating to Edmonds.
- Voted to initiate redevelopment plans for Five Corners and Westgate (Eds Development Comm. Recommendation).
- Chaired the Citizens' Technology Advisory Committee (CTAC)

#### Neighborhood Protections

- Fought for 3 years to have a spay and neuter policy in Edmonds
- Voted to allow the Lake Ballinger neighborhood to have a say on development on Hwy. 99
- Voted for Battalion Chiefs for our fire department
- Voted to reduce property taxes before Eyman
- Wrote a strong resolution in opposition to Paine Field commercial fly-overs
- Fought for an 11-acre park in South Edmonds
- Led the effort to ban motorized scooters in our neighborhoods
- Voted to provide walkways in North Edmonds
- Received the Tia Foundation Citizen Award for outstanding effort in raising traffic safety awareness in 2002
- Led the effort for a strong anti-graffiti law in Edmonds; and

*Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved*, that *Michael Plunkett* be celebrated for serving on the Council for almost 14 years and doing so with style while always keeping the best interests of the citizens of Edmonds in all of his actions. The Council wishes Mr. Plunkett well in all he endeavors.

*Passed, Approved, and Adopted this 22nd day of May, 2012.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dave Earling, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Strom Peterson, Council President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adrienne Fraley-Monillas, Councilwoman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joan Bloom, Councilwoman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Diane Buckshnis, Councilwoman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Frank Yamamoto, Councilwoman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attest: City Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lora Petso, Councilwoman